(d) if not, how far India shall be suffering such a heavy loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) Yes, Sir. Presently, the currency note paper is being imported from France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Sweden and UK.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) To achieve self-sufficiency in the production of currency paper, the issue of creating adequate production capacities within the country is under consideration of the Government.

Environment cess on diesel vehicles

960. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received number of suggestions for discouraging the use of diesel vehicles and also the industry producing non-fuel efficient vehicle;

(b) if so, whether it would not be proper to impose environment cess on diesel run vehicles; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Government had received suggestion for introducing fiscal measures for discouraging use of diesel vehicles and other non-fuel efficient vehicles. Among the measures, it had been suggested to levy a special environment cess on diesel run motor vehicles.

(b) and (c) Government had examined the suggestion and it was decided that the suggestion cannot be agreed to.

Concession to exporters

961. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to accord big concession on demand from exporters since exports provide employment opportunities besides revenues;

(b) if so, whether textiles, garments, gems, jewellery and leather sectors will be benefited;

(c) whether the export of above items will affect the domestic markets; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S..S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government for the present.

(b) to (d) Nil, in view of the reply at part (a) above.